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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PE, CI, AR, BR

SUBJECT: ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE VISIT

REF: STATE 55804

1. CONGEN PREPARED TO LEND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO ADL GROUP DURING THE PROPOSED VISIT TO SAO PAULO, AS REQUIRED.

2. IN VIEW OF BOTH CONGEN AND MS. STELLA MEYER OF THE LOCAL B'NAI B'RITH OFFICE, THERE IS NO SECURITY THREAT PRESENTLY EVIDENT IN SAO PAULO WHICH WOULD WARRANT THE NEED FOR SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION DURING THE GROUP'S PROPOSED VISIT TO SAO PAULO OF APRIL 5 - 6, PARTICULARLY IF GROUP INTENDS TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE AS REFTTEL SUGGESTS. TO THE CONTRARY, AS MS. MEYER INDICATES SHE WELL UNDERSTANDS, ALERTING THE POLICE AUTHORITIES TO THE VISIT MAY TEND TO RAISE THE GROUP'S PROFILE AND UNNECESSARILY CALL ATTENTION TO ITS FACT-FINDING MISSION.

3. SINCE GROUP HAS INDICATED CONCERN FOR ITS SECURITY, CONGEN IS PREPARED TO NOTIFY BOTH LOCAL FEDERAL POLICE AND THE STATE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF ITS PROPOSED VISIT DATES. BEFORE WE DO SO, HOWEVER, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSULT RABBI ROSENTHAL FOR HIS REACTION TO ASSESSMENT CONTAINED PARA. 2 ABOVE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT IN SIMILAR OCCASIONS WHEN LOCAL POLICE HAVE PROVIDED SPECIAL PROTECTION, THEY USUALLY HAVE REQUIRED PAYMENT OF PER DIEM AND PROVISION OF MEALS FOR THE POLICE ESCORTS.

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4. REQUEST ROSENTHAL TO PROVIDE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AND HOTEL AT WHICH GROUP WILL BE STAYING. MS. MEYER HAS SENT TWO LETTERS TO ADL IN U.S. REQUESTING CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND PROGRAMMING DESIRED, WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED.
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